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TAGS: CDES, TH (LEACH, CLAVIN)

SUBJ: NOTIFICATION NOK DEATH OF LEACH

REF: STATE 130623

FOR MRS. CALVIN LEACH, 826 WEST 16 TH STREET, ANNISTON, ALABAMA.

AMERICAN EMBASSY BANGKOK REGRETS INFORM YOU THAT ON JULY 1, 1973  
AT 7:30 PM MR. CALVIN LEACH WAS OPERATING HIS 1971 HONDA 350 CC  
MOTORCYCLE LICENSE 15842 AT AN UNDETERMINED RATE OF SPEED, NORTH  
ON

FRIENDSHIP HIGHWAY, KORAT, THAILAND. AT A POINT 300 FEET SOUTH OF  
THE INTERSECTION OF MOOK MONTRI STREET, KORAT, A 1967 ISUZU 5 TON  
LOGGING TRUCK, LICENCE KORAT 1133, OPERATED BY AN UNIDENTIFIED THAI  
MALE, TRAVELING AT A HIGH RATE OF SPEED ATTEMPTED TO SLOW DOWN  
TO AVOID STRIKING MR. LEACH. THE TRUCK WAS ALSO TRAVELING NORTH.  
THE TRUCK ATTEMPTED TO PASS MR. LEACH ON THE RIGHT BUT COULD NOT  
DUE

TO ONCOMING TRAFFIC. THE TRUCK THEN ATTEMPTED TO PASS MR. LEACH  
ON THE LEFT AND STRUCK THE REAR OF THE MOTORCYCLE CAUSING MR  
LEACH TO BE THROWN 90 FEET FROM THE POINT OF IMPACT. THE TRUCK  
RAN COMPLETELY OVER THE MOTORCYCLE PRIOR TO STOPPING. THE TRUCK  
DRIVE FLED THE SCENE ON FOOT. MR. LEACH WAS TRANSPORTED TO 388 TH  
USAF HOSPITAL, KORAT RTAFB, KORAT, THAILAND WHERE HE WAS PRO-  
NOUNCED DEAD ON ARRIVAL BY DR. (MAJOR) H. G. STELLING. CAUSE OF  
DEATH WAS ATTRIBUTED TO HEAD INJURIES RECEIVED IN THE ACCIDENT.  
INVESTIGATION OF THE ACCIDENT IS BEING CONTINUED BY THAI POLICE  
AND US MILITARY POLICE. AMERICAN EMBASSY WILL CONTACT FEDERAL  
ELECTRIC COMPANY OFFICIALS LOCALLY REGARDING ARRANGEMENTS TO  
RETURN MR. LEACH'S BODY AND EFFECTS TO U. S. WILL ADVISE DETAILS

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NOTE BY OC/ T: PASSED TO MRS. CALVIN LEACH.

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